BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF LEWIS)		
AMENDING LEWIS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 17.140)	ORDINANCE NO.	1216
OPEN SPACE)		

WHEREAS, a Department of Revenue audit of the Lewis County Current Use tax program determined that Chapter 17.140, which restricts the time property is in the Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation classification, is not consistent with state law under provisions of Chapter 84.34 RCW; and

WHEREAS, changes to Lewis County Code Chapter 17.140 are necessary to bring it into compliance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners have held public hearings and work sessions to consider changes to Chapter 17.140 LCC to be consistent with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the public testimony and recommendations of the Planning Commission and finds that the amendments to Chapter 17.140 LCC are in the best interests of the public; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Lewis County Commissioners that:

- 1. Lewis County adopts the additions and changes to Chapter 17.140 of the Lewis County Code regarding the Open Space tax program, as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
- 2. Only those changes shown in the attached Exhibit A shall be made; all other provisions of Chapter 17.140 shall remain.
- 2. If any portion of the materials adopted herein is found invalid by a Board or Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

The provisions of this ordinance are in the public interest and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 1st day of November, 2010, after a public hearing was held November 1, 2010, pursuant to Notice published in the East County Journal on October 13, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Michael Golden, Prosecuting Atty.	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Atty.	Chairman
	Member
ATTEST:	Member
Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board	